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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
TO BE FILED WITH U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (4)**

As a below named inventor(s), I (We) hereby declare that:

My (Our) residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my (our) name(s). I (We) believe I (we) am (are) the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE PROTECTED TRANSMISSION AND REPRESENTATION OF ELECTRONICALLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS

_____, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

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was filed on _____ as United States Application

Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/EP 97/03113

and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I (We) hereby state that I (we) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I (We) acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)			
NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED
196 23 868.4	Germany	14 June 1996	YES NO
196 34 712.2	Germany	28 August 1996	YES NO
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I (We) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED

I (We) hereby declare that all statements made herein of my (our) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I (We) hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Joseph C. Sullivan, Registration No. 18,720; John Kurucz, Registration No. 18,688; Gerald Levy, Registration No. 24,419; Joseph T. Eisele, Registration No. 25,331; Ronald R. Santucci, Registration No. 28,988; Ronald E. Brown, Registration No. 32,200; John Gulbin, Registration No. 33,180; Richard J. Danyko, Registration No. 33,672; Monami D. Roy, Registration No. 40,892; Tod M. Melgar, Registration No. 41,190; James E. Marina, Registration No. P-41,969; and Clifford A. Ulrich, Registration No. P-42,194.¹ I (We) further authorize my (our) attorney to insert the proper serial number and filing date awarded to my (our) application on this document, above my (our) signature(s).


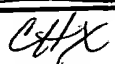
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
 STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE PROTECTED TRANSMISSION AND REPRESENTATION OF ELECTRONICALLY PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS described in

- (X) the specification filed herewith
 () application serial no. _____, filed _____
 () patent no. _____, issued _____

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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